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- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs.), Form 1449 (1 pg.), and copies of 6 cited documents.

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**COMMUNICATION CONCERNING RELATED APPLICATIONS**

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Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following related applications in the above-identified patent application:

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/A.P.10/788,903	February 26, 2004	1842.020US1	A SERVICE-ORIENTED GAMING NETWORK ENVIRONMENT
/A.P.10/788,902	February 26, 2004	1842.022US1	GAME UPDATE SERVICE IN A SERVICE-ORIENTED GAMING NETWORK ENVIRONMENT
/A.P.10/788,661	February 26, 2004	1842.021US1	GAMING MANAGEMENT SERVICE IN A SERVICE-ORIENTED GAMING NETWORK ENVIRONMENT
/A.P.10/789,957	February 26, 2004	1842.023US1	PROGRESSIVE SERVICE IN A SERVICE-ORIENTED GAMING NETWORK ENVIRONMENT
/A.P.10/794,423	March 5, 2004	1842.024US1	DISCOVERY SERVICE IN A SERVICE-ORIENTED GAMING NETWORK ENVIRONMENT
/A.P.10/794,422	March 5, 2004	1842.025US1	BOOT SERVICE IN A SERVICE-ORIENTED GAMING NETWORK ENVIRONMENT
/A.P.10/796,553	March 8, 2004	1842.026US1	AUTHENTICATION SERVICE IN A SERVICE-ORIENTED GAMING NETWORK ENVIRONMENT
/A.P.10/796,562	March 8, 2004	1842.027US1	AUTHORIZATION SERVICE IN A SERVICE-ORIENTED GAMING NETWORK

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/A.P./10/802,700	March 17, 2004	1842.028US1	NAME SERVICE IN A SERVICE- ORIENTED GAMING NETWORK ENVIRONMENT
/A.P./10/802,701	March 17, 2004	1842.029US1	TIME SERVICE IN A SERVICE- ORIENTED GAMING NETWORK ENVIRONMENT
/A.P./10/824,780	April 15, 2004	1842.045US1	LAYERED SECURITY METHODS AND APPARATUS IN A GAMING SYSTEM ENVIRONMENT
/A.P./10/824,945	April 15, 2004	1842.046US1	REMOTE AUTHENTICATION OF GAMING SOFTWARE IN A GAMING SYSTEM ENVIRONMENT
/A.P./10/824,930	April 15, 2004	1842.047US1	SECURED NETWORKS IN A GAMING SYSTEM ENVIRONMENT
/A.P./10/824,931	April 15, 2004	1842.048US1	A GAMING SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTION NETWORK IN A GAMING SYSTEM ENVIRONMENT
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/A.P./10/857,433	May 27, 2004	1842.018US1	GAMING NETWORK ENVIRONMENT HAVING A LANGUAGE TRANSLATION SERVICE
/A.P./10/068,065	February 28, 2005	1842.018US2	GAMING NETWORK ENVIRONMENT HAVING A LANGUAGE TRANSLATION SERVICE

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Continuations and divisionals may be later filed on the cases listed above, or cited to the Examiner in any previous Communication Concerning Related Applications. Applicants request that the Examiner review all continuations and divisionals of the above-listed or previously-cited patent applications before allowing the claims of the present patent application.

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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicants request that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicants with the next official communication.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), it is believed that no fee or statement is required with the Information Disclosure Statement. However, if an Office Action on the merits has been mailed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in order to have this Information Disclosure Statement considered.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2), Applicant believes that copies of cited U.S. Patents and Published Applications are no longer required to be provided to the Office. Notification of this change was provided in the United States Patent and Trademark Office OG Notices dated October 12, 2004. Thus, Applicant has not included copies of any US Patents or Published Applications cited with this submission. Should the Office require copies to be provided, Applicant respectfully requests that notice of such requirement be directed to Applicant's below-signed representative. Applicant acknowledges the requirement to submit copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2).

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